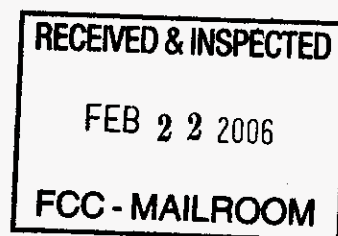


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From: Michael Akman

### Message:

I recently filed an appeal for the  
South Baltimore Learning Center  
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Requested. It was sent on  
Feb 10, 2006. As of yet  
the Return Receipt has not  
been returned. Can any one  
there please check on the status  
Thank you for your cooperation  
in this matter - Michael Akman  
Attached is the letter as originally  
sent. Email address is  
makman@southbaltimorelearns.org

### Our Mission:

The mission of the South Baltimore Learning Center (SBLC) is to improve the self-sufficiency of educationally disadvantaged adults. SBLC is a community based nonprofit organization providing functional literacy and life skills training, in addition to career preparation services to residents in the Baltimore area.

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Re: CC Docket No. 02-6  
Request for Waiver  
South Baltimore Learning Center: 196460  
Form 472 Notification Letter: 602929  
Applicant Form 472 Identifier: SB092505  
Funding Year 2003-2004

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are writing this letter on behalf of the South Baltimore Learning Center, as it applies to the letter referenced above (copy enclosed). The letter received stated that SBLC would not be reimbursed for expenditures for services provided by Verizon Internet Services, Inc. for Funding Year 2003 (SBLC fiscal year 2004). The explanation for the denial of reimbursement was "Invoice after last day for Fund Year". While it is true that the Form 472 was sent in after the last day for the Fund Year, it was due to circumstances beyond the control of SBLC.

SBLC was involved in an audit by the Universal Service Administrative Company Internal Audit Division from February 25, 2003 thru April 16, 2003. The Audit report was not received by SBLC until November 20, 2004. After working with USAC on resolving the audit issues, it was not until May 25, 2005 that SBLC was informed that the Audit situation had been cleared. This was done in an e-mail dated May 25, 2005, from Cyndi Beach, at USAC, who was handling our audit resolution.

Due to the audit findings, and also during the period in which SBLC worked with USAC to resolve the audit findings, all SBLC E-rate funding was frozen for Funding Years 2003 and 2004. Therefore, due to these circumstances, SBLC could not have and did not submit Form 472 for reimbursement for Funding Year 2003 by the required deadline of October 30, 2004. SBLC filed the Form 472 for both Funding Years, 2003 (SBLC fiscal year 2004) and 2004 (SBLC fiscal year 2005) together on October 20, 2005.

SBLC respectfully requests that the FCC waive the filing deadline requirement for Funding Year 2003, and allow USAC to remit payment in the amount of \$10,040.00 due to SBLC. SBLC thanks you for your cooperation in this matter and hopes to receive payment shortly. Being a small organization, every dollar is important to us.

Sincerely,

  
Sonia Socha  
Executive Director

  
Michael Akman  
Finance/Admin. Director



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Re: South Baltimore Learning Center: 196460  
Form 472 (BEAR Form) Notification Letter: 602929  
Applicant Form 472 Identifier: SB092505

Ladies and Gentlemen:

While we understand that our appeal is beyond the 60 day requirement, Cyndi Beach from the audit division of USAC, recommended that we still file this appeal. The South Baltimore Learning Center is simultaneously filing a waiver request with the FCC. This is due to both being beyond the required appeal window, and also due to the circumstances involved with our denial for reimbursement. A copy of the waiver request is included with this appeal request for your reference. If it is possible to resolve this matter with USAC, it would certainly speed things up for all parties involved.

We are writing this letter on behalf of the South Baltimore Learning Center, as it applies to the letter referenced above (copy enclosed). The letter received stated that SBLC would not be reimbursed for expenditures for services provided by Verizon Internet Services, Inc. for Funding Year 2003 (SBLC fiscal year 2004). The explanation for the denial of reimbursement was "Invoice after last day for Fund Year." While it is true that the Form 472 was sent in after the last day for the Fund Year, it was due to circumstances beyond the control of SBLC.

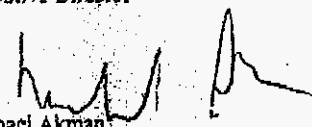
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Due to the audit findings, and also during the period in which the SBLC worked with USAC to resolve the findings of the audit, all SBLC E-rate funding had been frozen for Funding Years 2003 and 2004. Therefore, due to these circumstances, the SBLC could not have and did not submit Form 472 for reimbursement for Funding Year 2003 by the required deadline of October 30, 2004. SBLC filed Form 472 for both Funding Years, 2003 (SBLC fiscal year 2004) and 2004 (SBLC fiscal year 2005) together on October 20, 2005.

SBLC respectfully requests that the USAC re-consider its decision to reimbursement SBLC, and approve payment in the amount of \$10,040.00 due to SBLC for Funding Year 2003. SBLC thanks you for your cooperation in this matter and hopes to receive payment shortly. Being a small nonprofit organization, every dollar is important to us.

Sincerely,

  
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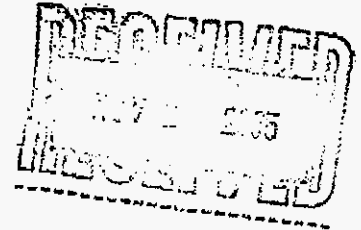


Universal Service Administrative Company  
Schools & Libraries Division

Form 472 (SEAR Form) Notification Letter

FY 04

November 11, 2005



Verizon Internet Services Inc.  
Daniel Luera  
7979 Beltline Rd.  
Irving, TX 75063

Re: Form 472 Invoice Number: 602929  
Service Provider Identification Number: 143026397  
Applicant Form 472 Identifier: SB092505  
Billed Entity Number: 196460

SOUTH BALTIMORE LEARNING CENTER  
MICHAEL AKMAN  
28 EAST OSTEND ST  
BALTIMORE, MD 21230

Preferred Mode of Contact: Phone at (410) 625-4215  
Total Amount of Reimbursement Approved for Payment: \$0.00

This letter is to notify you that the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has received and accepted a Form 472 from the above named applicant listing you as the service provider. The SLD has committed to reimburse the discounted portion of the cost of eligible services provided to eligible entities pursuant to one or more Forms 471. As stated in the Form 486 Notification Letter sent to you previously, the applicant has filed a Form 486 advising the SLD that service delivery has begun. The applicant has completed this Form 472 with your assistance, seeking reimbursement of the discounted portion of bills already paid in full to you since the effective date of the discount.

The SLD has processed the Form 472. Pursuant to the Service Provider Acknowledgment page of the Form 472 which you signed, you must remit to the applicant the amount shown as "Total Amount of Reimbursement Approved for Payment" above, no later than 10 calendar days after receipt of payment of the approved discounts from USAC. You also agreed not to tender or make use of the payment of the approved discounts issued by USAC to you prior to remitting the discount to the applicant.

The USAC check should be mailed to the service provider named above within 20 calendar days of the date of this letter.

To reimburse the "Total Amount of Reimbursement Approved for Payment," to the applicant, the service provider may (1) issue a check or (2) issue a credit to the applicant. The decision as to which form the reimbursement should take should be a mutual one between the service provider and the applicant.

The maximum remaining amount available for each Funding Request Number (ERN) listed on the synopsis on the following page(s) will be the original commitment less the amount approved herein for reimbursement and less any earlier disbursements to the applicant.

PLEASE NOTE: Beginning with Funding Year 2000 (07/01/2000 - 06/30/2001), if the first payment request processed for an ERN is on a Form 472, all subsequent payment requests for that ERN must be made on a Form 472; a Form 474 (Service Provider Invoice Form) for that ERN will not be accepted.

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**EXPLANATION OF INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS FORM 472 (BEAR FORM) NOTIFICATION LETTER**

To help understand the Form 472 Notification Letter Applicant Reimbursement Synopsis the following definitions are provided.

**Funding Request Number (FRN):** A Funding Request Number is assigned by the SLD to each Block 5 of a Form 471 once an application has been processed. This number is used to report to applicants and service providers the status of individual discount funding requests submitted on a Form 471.

**471 Application Number:** A unique identifier assigned to a Form 471 by the SLD, from page 1 of the Form 471.

**Funding Year:** The funding year for which discounts have been approved. Funding years begin on July 1 and end on the following June 30. Funding years are designated by the calendar year in which they begin.

**Contract Number:** The contract or agreement number as identified in Block 5, Item 15 of the Form 471.

**Funding Commitment Decision:** This represents the TOTAL amount of funding that the SLD has reserved to reimburse the cost of the discounts for this service for the specified funding year.

**Reimbursement Amount for this FRN:** This is the amount of reimbursement to the applicant that has been approved for this FRN on this Form 472.

**Reimbursement Request Decision Explanation (SHOWN ONLY IF RELEVANT):** This is the reason(s) that a Reimbursement Request was reduced or rejected.

Schools and Libraries Division  
Universal Service Administrative Company  
CC: SOUTH BALTIMORE LEARNING CENTER

FORM 472 NOTIFICATION LETTER APPLICANT REIMBURSEMENT SYNOPSIS

Funding Request Number: 1033939  
471 Application Number: 377037  
Funding Year : 07/01/2003 - 06/30/2004  
Contract Number: MTM  
Funding Commitment Decision: \$10044.00  
Reimbursement Amount for this FRN: \$0.00  
Reimbursement Request Decision Explanation:  
Invoice after last day for Fund Year;

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